

Clay County Fire Chief's

Wednesday, January 5th, 2011, 1900 hrs, Ulen, MN

Minutes

1. Call to order 1903 hours

2. MSCTC Training

NIMS 300 January 18th-22 6pm-10pm Bruce Rhodes & Rick Loveland to do training. Need a head count to make up the books.

NIMS 400 Class – don't know how many people are really going to need it. It's more for higher up officials. If each dept could send 1, that would be great. Reminder that everyone needs the NIMS 700a, 100 & 200 as a prerequisite for the NIMS 300. Remember all new firefighters should take these.

3. Clay County Radio User Grant

Got a call asking if we were still interested in the grant and if we could spend the money. We got a call the next day asking to update a form. The week after we got the form with 10 questions. They have been approved. Looks like we will be hearing an award notification soon.

The question was asked if we had to stick to the exact order counts like we submitted for the grant. Gary and Bryan said as long as the totals remain the same, people can adjust the total number of mobiles, bases, portables, and pagers.

When the award is made and the communications committee gets together again it is very important to have a representative from each agency there to make decisions, or you won't have a say.

4. Communications Policy Discussion

Wondering why we're getting multiple pages over and over again for volunteer fire agencies. There should

Also wondering why the 20 minute status check are not occurring regularly. Kurt will check on this.

Kurt said we need to look at changing the 5 hour cap before payout for calls, it is too long. Bob thinks it should be three hours. Kurt agrees. Charlie Johnson made a Motion to change VIII, Subdivision 1. to three hours. Second by Bob Chuckna. Motion approved unanimously. JEFF will check with Kevin Neugabauer to see what the shortest method to make this change would be.

5. Emergency Manager's Update

Bryan Green - The Armor System, by 2013 the state wants to have a data system up and running so we have an option other than Verizon.

Sabin took over Moorhead Township, so we redrew that fire district maps. There's a map for each Fire Department here tonight.

PSIC Funding. There's \$47,000 available for multiband radios. A check just got sent out to Motorola for the agencies that need to go into Norman or Wilkin Counties. Bryan will have to get the OK from the State to add these Armor radios. That will take a while. The 2011 PSIC Grant will be coming out soon, but the grant will probably be pretty small. Reminder that the radio cost \$6,000 each.

CCSO a lot of the vehicles have been getting iced up. Is it OK if they need to thaw out a vehicle in one of the fire stations can we pay you out to do that? Everyone said sure.

Code Red. We could setup a group for fire department personnel. Bryan will be sending out a list for each department and all people with their phone numbers for code red so it can be used as a backup alerting method if the radio system goes down. We can text, e-mail, or call. There's no significant cost to use the system. Bryan would like to do a group for each department, and one for all Clay County emergency responders. You can call Bryan Green or Dispatch to have messages sent.

6. Chief's Roundtable

Dave Begg - Medcompass will be in Ulen the first Thursday of February if anyone needs mask fitting or physicals. E-mail the fire hall if interested.

Kurt Kennedy - Billy wanted us to know that if we call the State Fire Marshal, let the county deputies know so the reports are kept properly.

Leon said the State Patrol and/or County has not been keeping an eye on traffic the way we would like. Bryan said if this happens, please e-mail Matt Siro or Bryan so this can be addressed. Also we can and should be directing the deputies to lend a hand as we need them. They may be a bit grumpy about it, but it should be done.

Charlie was wondering if the 5-point break away is required or not. Bryan remembered getting an e-mail on this. He will look it up and send it out. Not sure if it's required or not.

Bryan will setup a call with the State Fire Marshal's office for February at the LEC. They do a 2 hour basic fire investigation class. More information will follow. Andria Wenzlaff 218-684-1007 Home 651-201-7200 Cell.

BNSF wants to do a more full railroad exercise this summer, but we should not count on this.

If you need more address sign posts for new home or to replace damaged signs, call Mark Sloan at Clay County GIS 218-299-5002.

ELECTIONS - President is elected every two years and Kurt was just elected last year, Secretary - Jeff just started last year. Offices will stand for another year.

7. Next Meeting will be in at 1900 hours in Dilworth April 6th. Meeting adjourned at 2030 hours.

Members Present:

Bryan Green – Clay County Sheriff's Office

Rocky Burnside – Ulen Fire

Leon Duhnholm – Barnesville Fire

Rodney Dahlstad – Felton Fire

Gary Schultz – Hawley Fire

Craig Fenske – Hawley Fire

Larry Larson – Hawley Fire

Dave Begg – Ulen Fire

Bob Chuchna – Glyndon Fire

Charlie Johnson – Hitterdahl Fire

Michael Stetz – Barnesville Fire Department

Marty Grimley – Dilworth Fire Department

Kenny Prieglemeyer - Dilworth Fire

Adam Wilson – Sabin Fire

Randy Schmidt – Sabin Fire

Jeff Wallin – Moorhead Fire

Kurt Kennedy – Dilworth Fire